

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE TENSE

How is it formed?

It is formed with the auxiliary verb HAVE/HAS and the past participle. Some past participles are regular (we add –ED, like in the past simple tense: play/played, clean/cleaned, study/studied), and some are irregular (the third column): give/gave/given, be/was-were/been, etc.

How is it used?

1. We use the present perfect for actions which happened at an unstated indefinite time in the past. The exact time is not important: *They have bought a house near the river* (we don't know when; the important thing is that they have a new house).
2. For actions which started in the past and are still continuing in the present: *I have known Mary for ten years* (I met her in the past and I still know her).
3. For actions which happened recently: *Tom has just painted the fence* (the paint on the fence is still wet).
4. With time expressions like the following:
 - a. I have known Mary since 2009.
 - b. I have known Mary for 3 years.
 - c. Have you ever been to Scotland? No, I have never been to Scotland.
 - d. How long have you been a teacher? I have been a teacher for 5 years.
 - e. Have you done your homework yet? No, I haven't done my homework yet.
 - f. I've already finished my homework.
 - g. I've just finished my homework.
 - h. I haven't done much sport recently.

Difference between PAST SIMPLE and PRESENT PERFECT

PAST SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT
<i>They bought a house <u>ten years ago</u>.</i>	<i>They have bought a house.</i>
<i>Tom was an actor for twenty years (he is not an actor any more)</i>	<i>Tom has been an actor for twenty years (he started working as an actor twenty years ago and he still works as an actor)</i>

Difference between BEEN/GONE:

- John has gone to America (he is still there).
- John has been to America (he has visited America but he's back now)

1. WRITE THE PAST PARTICIPLES OF THE FOLLOWING VERBS.

SEE		DRINK		GIVE	
CUT		FORGET		TEACH	
WORK		GO		EAT	
LEAVE		CATCH		BUY	
BRING		MAKE		DO	

2. WRITE SENTENCES USING THE TIME EXPRESSIONS IN BRACKETS, AS IN THE EXAMPLE.

1. You have been to America

(ever) *Have you ever been to America?*

(never) *I have never been to America.*

2. Molly has worked in an office.

(ever)

(never)

3. Colin has gone home.

(yet)

(already)

4. Ralph and Wendy have eaten breakfast.

(yet)

(just)

3. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH: yet, recently, how long, never, since, just, so far, for, ever.

1. _____ have you been a teacher? I've been a teacher _____ three years.

2. Kate has _____ cleaned the windows.

3. Have you _____ been to Egypt?

4. Sandra has _____ driven a car before.

5. I haven't invited anyone to the party _____. I'll do it tomorrow.

6. She has only written one letter _____.

7. You have known them _____ they were children.

8. He hasn't phoned _____ Sunday.

9. Toby has _____ bought a dog, look!

10. I have been ill _____ yesterday.

11. He hasn't phoned me _____ last week.

4. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE.

Dear Lydia,

I'm sorry I _____ (not/write) to you for so long. How's everything going in New York? I'm writing to tell you all the latest family news. Aunt Daisy _____ (have) a baby girl a week ago. Uncle Nick is very pleased. They _____ (name) the baby Louise. Uncle Bruce _____ (buy) a new car and he _____ (give) the old one to Aunt Celia. Do you remember my cousin Rupert? Well, he _____ (move) to Germany last month. Grandpa _____ (take) Alex on a fishing trip last weekend. Unfortunately, they _____ (not/catch) any fish! Grandma _____ (recently/redecorate) the living room. She _____ (paint) the walls pink and _____ (buy) a new carpet to match. It looks lovely.

How about you? _____ (you/visit) you uncle Terry from Brooklyn yet? Well, that's all for now. Take care and write soon with your news.

Love,

Mum

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SEE	SEEN	DRINK	DRUNK	GIVE	GIVEN
CUT	CUT	FORGET	FORGOTTEN	TEACH	TAUGHT
WORK	WORKED	GO	GONE	EAT	EATEN
LEAVE	LEFT	CATCH	CAUGHT	BUY	BOUGHT
BRING	BROUGHT	MAKE	MADE	DO	DONE

2. WRITE SENTENCES USING THE TIME EXPRESSIONS IN BRACKETS, AS IN THE EXAMPLE.**1. You have been to America***(ever) Have you ever been to America?**(never) I have never been to America.***2. Molly has worked in an office.***(ever) Has Molly ever worked in an office?**(never) She has never worked in an office.***3. Colin has gone home.***(yet) Has Colin gone home yet?**(already) He has already gone home.***4. Ralph and Wendy have eaten breakfast.***(yet) Have Ralph & Wendy eaten breakfast yet?**(just) They have just eaten breakfast.***3. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH: yet, recently, how long, never, since, just, so far, for, ever.****1. How long** have you been a teacher? I've been a teacher **for** three years.**2.** Kate has **just/recently/never** cleaned the windows.**3.** Have you **ever/recently** been to Egypt?**4.** Sandra has **never** driven a car before.**5.** I haven't invited anyone to the party **yet**. I'll do it tomorrow.**6.** She has only written one letter **so far**.**7.** You have known them **since** they were children.**8.** He hasn't phoned **since** Sunday.**9.** Toby has **just** bought a dog, look!**10.** I have been ill **since** yesterday.**11.** He hasn't phoned me **since** last week.**4. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE.**

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